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The editor of The Newport Journal assumes THE PUBLIC LEDGER in a series of interrogatories which he evidently considers unanswerable unless the editor of this paper commits himself to a belief that every man in the Democratic party is a traitor to his country.

A Few Answers.

The disappearance of our flag from the seas is a calamity and a disgrace affecting the interests and reputation of the American people. Its restoration to its rightful place has met with the stubborn and combined resistance of the Democratic party in both branches of Congress.

That party will have nothing to do with navigation bounties or liberal payments for the ocean mail. It abhors all liberal policies. It has always been a party of obstruction and hostile to new ideas. With the threatened importation of cholera and other evils of immigration, the party, as admitted by one of their prominent leaders a few days ago, is afraid to restrict immigration for fear of losing the foreign vote, which, in the cities of New York and Chicago, made the election of Grover Cleveland possible. The Democratic party is distinctly foreign in its make up and in its nature.

"NEWSPAPER NEWS BY WAY OF MAYSVILLE" is how The Kentucky Journal heads it. Certainly; how else can you get there?

An old snorer named WILLIAM MILLER, widower, worth \$20,000, got up a correspondence with Miss NANNIE SHAW out in Indiana. As a stroke of economy he used "washed" postage stamps on his letters. He will have six months in jail to figure out how much he saved, and will also pay a fine of \$100. The fellow, from his economic tendencies, must belong in Skidbladnir HOLMAN'S District.

A PHILADELPHIA Free-trade paper, The Record, advocates placing a duty of one and one-half cents per pound on sugar, two cents on coffee and five cents on tea. And this paper represents the party which has granted about a "free breakfast table" for the poor laborer, becoming the fate of the working man who had to eat his breakfast off a McKinley tin plate that was taxed 24 per cent! The only Americans we ever knew that in any considerable numbers ate out of tin plates and drank out of tin cups were the "pauper" who were not entirely displaced by the Democratic Free-traders.

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A SCHEMER

Comes to Grief in the Federal Court at Indianapolis.

He Used the United States Mails to Defraud the Public.

Eighteen Months' Imprisonment, \$500 Fine and Costs—Indictments Hanging Over Him in Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 11.—Harry Herdman, alias H. A. Hansen, alias M. V. R. Stuart, has finally run up against his fate. For the past two days he has been on trial in the federal court for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Tuesday the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Judge Baker sentenced him to eighteen months' imprisonment, the full extent of the law. He was also fined \$500 and costs. It developed during the trial that Herdman once served time in Missouri for embezzlement and bank robbery. There are indictments hanging over him for fraudulent use of the mails in Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Early last summer Herdman was arrested in this city for abusing his wife. Her first husband was named Cravay. She had a daughter 18 years old, who was on the witness stand Monday and Tuesday, and proved herself sharp as a tack. On her testimony Herdman was convicted. At the time of his arrest Herdman was preparing to jump the city, and in his value were found blanks, circulars and all the paraphernalia showing him to be working a swindling scheme under guise of a fictitious collecting agency. It was known as the American Credit Co., and it was part of a so-called Anglo-American Surety Co., of Windsor, Can.

Under the guise of Stuart he appointed agents all over the country, who forwarded money for bonds to the Anglo-American Co., which was himself, and he frequently crossed to Canada to cash the remittances. Every important city in the country reported one or more victims and the secret service spent months trying to get trace of the swindler. The whole thing pointed to the city of St. Louis.

The importance of Herdman's arrest was not realized until a reporter asked him to explain the case. He said that the American Credit Co. documents found in his valise. He answered the inquiry by saying, Inspector Leatherman saw another paper altogether, and in a newspaper and he hastened here and landed his man dead to rights. During the trial Herdman tried to show that Stuart was another party altogether, and that his wife had conspired against him.

DROWNED LIKE RATS.

Thirty Miners Lost Their Lives in a Mine at Cornwall.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A calamitous accident occurred at Penzance, Cornwall. While a number of men were at work in the Wheal Owl mine at that place water suddenly rushed in and drowned many of the miners. As soon as the rush of the water was heard those nearest to the main shaft rushed into the cage and were quickly drawn to the surface. Others at a distance were overtaken by the water, and their cries could be heard resounding through the galleries. The number drowned has been ascertained to be thirty.

Later dispatches from Penzance state that the water which flooded the Wheal Owl mine came from an adjacent mine which had been closed for many years. Water had accumulated in a vast quantity in the abandoned mine, and suddenly burst its way through hundreds of thousands of tons of water poured into the Wheal Owl mine, sweeping away ladders, flooding the workings and destroying life.

BIG BOSTON FIRE.

A Million Dollars' Worth of Property Goes Up in Smoke.

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—Three alarms have been rung in for a large fire in the buildings from 307 to 319 Federal street, Hecht Bros. & Co., Kosander & Co., Wool, and Patterson Bros. market occupy the building. The flames are battling fiercely with the flames, but despite their efforts the fire is spreading south and east. The loss will be heavy.

Five men have been injured, but none killed. The fire burned over 10,000 feet of land. Hecht Bros. loss is estimated, will reach \$500,000, and the aggregate loss, \$1,000,000. The fire started in Hecht Bros., from it, it is said, the explosion of a boiler.

The flames moved rapidly along Federal street to Summer street, and as a result eight or ten buildings are badly damaged and several other completely burned out. District Chief Mullen fell from a ladder, but was not badly injured.

A FLY WHEEL.

It Works at Pittsburgh, Killing One Man and Injuring Others.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 11.—The fly wheel at the steel mill of Oliver Bros., South Ave. and Highland streets, at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. One man was instantly killed and twelve injured. Among the injured are: Ferdinand Elden, roller in rod mill, twenty-eight years old, skull fractured, will die; Mike Schuster, Pole, thirty-eight years old, employed at machine shop, fractured, will die, has wife and five children; Jack Nodda, fourteen years old, leg injured and badly bruised. The injured were sent to the South Side hospital. The mill is badly wrecked. The flying pieces of the wheel tore huge holes in the roof and damaged the machinery.

A Lawyer sent to Jail.

New York, Jan. 11.—Lawyer Wm. Lane O'Neill, the Irish agitator, was arrested. He is charged with forging the name of a client, John William Lang, to a retainer. When arrested he had come into the Yorkville police court to get possession of the retainer, which had been filed in his suit against Lang's attorney's fee. He was unable to give \$2,000 and was locked up.

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